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SCOTTISH SPORT.

WATSONIANS THE CLUB CHAMPIONS.

ENGLISH LEAGUE DEFEATS THE SCOTTISH.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 18th.
The victory of Watsonians in their match with Edinburgh Academicals assures them of the Club Championship, for although they have still Jedforest to meet they cannot now be refused the first place. Their position, also, was made secure by the recent defeats sustained by Stewart's College F.P.'s and Glasgow High School F.P.'s. It is pretty generally acknowledged that the Championship has been worthily won; the Watsonians were the best and most consistent side in Scotland. Twice in the earlier part of the season they suffered defeat, but since the present team has represented the club they have won all their matches, and have reversed the first results with Stewart's and Edinburgh Academicals, both of whom lowered their colours in the last week of the year. In the West there was a lingering hope that Glasgow High School might threaten the position, but they went down before Glasgow Academicals, and then to Heriot's.

In the latest and deciding match there was some capital football. The Academical forwards played a hard game, and had nothing the worse of the exchanges with the Watsonians, but they were hardly so well served behind, and it was this advantage that turned the scale. Stewart's were unfortunate in having to meet Hawick without two of their best, and altogether the Borderers were the better lot. The defeat of Glasgow Academicals by Wanderers was sensational. In December the Wanderers were beaten at Anniesland by over 30 points, and now they reverse this by 8 points to 3.

Watsonians, 10; Edin. Academicals, 0; Heriot's, 4; Glasgow H.S., F.P., 3; Hawick, 9; Stewart's, 2; Glas. Univ., 14; Kelvinside, 5; Wanderers, 9; Glas. Academicals, 3; R.H.S., F.P., 1; Institution, 0; Jedforest, 0; Melrose, 0; Kelso, 8; Gala, 5.

SCOTTISH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

	P.	W.	L.	D.
Watsonians	18	16	2	0
Hawick	24	20	4	0
Glas. H.S.	18	14	4	0
Stewart's	18	14	4	1
Jedforest	22	18	5	1
Heriot's	21	15	5	1
Edin. Academicals	19	12	5	2
Glas. Academicals	24	14	7	3
West of Scotland	14	7	7	0
Kelkirk	18	12	6	0
Melrose	18	8	9	1
Kelso	12	2	9	1
R. H. S.	22	9	10	3
Glas. Univ.	18	4	11	3
Wanderers	18	7	11	0
Hillhead H.S.	16	5	11	0
Kelvinside Acad.	16	5	11	0
Edin. Univ.	17	2	13	2
Gala	22	5	15	2
Institution	19	2	15	2

SCOTTISH SCHOOL RUGBY.

It must have been a sad party of George Watson's boys who quitted the playing pitch at Myreside 28 years ago defeated by Fettes College by some 20 points to nothing. The Fettesians on that occasion were captained by W. M. Duguid McCombie, now a D.S.O. and Colonel-in-Command of the Royal Scots Greys, who recently left Edinburgh for Palestine. Not since then until February have these schools met on the Rugby field; but the lapse of years has told its tale, on this occasion the result was reversed. This year Watson's have come to their own; they are the Scottish School Champions, and deservedly so. Accuracy of handling, and the speed of the back division, combined with the nippiness of A. H. Miller, were largely responsible for their victories. A. G. Taylor led a good pack of forwards; D. B. Bogle played well; and V. L. Shearer and R. A. McKury showed speed. The team was an evenly balanced one, a great factor in school Rugby.

Lordet, runner-up, though not brilliant, put in a lot of good work. F. Robertson, the captain, is a useful winger; H. F. S. Fraser is resolute and a good touch-kicker; and N. L. MacDonald can stand knocking about. Fettes are the one side that have greatly improved since Christmas; since then they have occupied the role of spoilers. H. Waddell is a very promising stand-off half. Merchiston has had an up-and-down season. R. M. Neilson is a player of moods; and J. J. Mann led a pack of forwards, who, in accordance with the tradition of the school, were at times splendid in the open. Glenalmond and Edinburgh Academy were at the bottom of the table, the Academy having a bad run of luck all through.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE DEFAT.

The defeat of the Scottish League team in London occasioned no surprise in the North, where the chosen eleven was regarded as falling short of the standard of international football. On the other hand the English team was looked upon as a formidable side, and the fact that the Scots ran them to a goal is considered satisfactory. It was a tame exhibition all over; probably no match of the 25 played between the rivals produced football of so moderate a quality. This is to be regretted as the engagement is an important trial game for the big international with England. Not only did the new players fail to impress, but at least two who were looked upon as certain for the final eleven were thoroughly failures. Of course, there remains the great test of all before the match with England, the Anglo-Scots trial.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD. CONTINUING THE WORK OF THE "CHALLENGER."

It is nearly fifty years since the famous *Challenger* set off from Portsmouth on its three-and-a-half years' voyage round the world to investigate the physical condition and natural history of the ocean depths.

The result were of enormous value and importance, for no other scientific expedition has even collected such a mass of facts and revealed such a volume of useful knowledge.

But the time is now ripe for another scientific expedition, equipped with all the latest instruments and apparatus instruments, which, on account of their accuracy, would have astonished the scientists of the *Challenger*.

The British Association for the Advancement of Science is drawing up a scheme to place before the Government, but the expedition will not start this year owing to the heavy expenses the country has to meet in other directions.

The *Challenger* was a wooden warship that travelled partly by means to its sails, and partly by steam; but for the new expedition it is proposed to build a special ship, as, under modern conditions there is no vessel in the navy which would be suitable for an expedition of this kind.

VERY FAMOUS VOYAGE.

The ship will be fitted for ice-breaking, so that it can go into the icefields without fear of being made prisoner; and it will carry a full staff of experts in all branches of science who will study magnetic and electric phenomena, deep sea deposits and life, fisheries, sea-water erosion, and wireless. Many oceanic islands will be visited, and the new vessel will carry on the great work of the *Challenger* expedition.

Another famous voyage was that of the *Beagle*, the old wooden warship on which Charles Darwin travelled, and in accompanying which he gathered the bulk of the information that led him to formulate the theory of evolution by means of natural selection which has transformed the world's thinking.

It is curious to remember that Darwin nearly lost the appointment of naturalist on the *Beagle*. When he first applied for the post his father strongly opposed it, and only agreed on the earnest persuasion of Josiah Wedgwood, Darwin's uncle.

Captain Fitzroy was in charge of the expedition, and Darwin says: "On becoming very intimate with Fitzroy I heard that I had run a very narrow risk of being rejected on account of the shape of my nose. He was an ardent disciple of Lavater, and was convinced that he could judge of a man's character by the outline of his features; and he doubted whether anyone with my nose could possess sufficient energy and determination for the voyage. But I think he afterwards well satisfied that nose had spoken falsely."

"WANTED—A SECOND DARWIN."

Darwin, later in life, said that the voyage of the *Beagle* had been by far the most important event in his life, and had determined his whole career; yet it depended upon so small a circumstance as the shape of his nose!

Will the new voyage of investigation produce a second Charles Darwin to stir up the world's thinking? And will the results be as enormous as were those of the *Challenger* expedition? If so, the three voyages, all just within a century, will form a wonderful trilogy.

"AS USED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS."

An amusing story was told by Mr. Byron Brennan at the Royal Colonial Institute lecture on Southern Chinese trade. He was relating the difficulties encountered years ago with the falsification of trade marks, and explained that in China they made a fearful decoction called "whisky," which they sold at eightpence a bottle.

The "manufacturers" then attached whatever well-known label they liked, but the purchaser would always be sure that gummed to the bottom of the bottle was another tiny label announcing "as used in the House of Commons."

LEAGUE GAMES.

The event of the week in the League was the defeat of Celtic by Ayr United, a result which extinguishes Celtic's chance of the League Championship. Rangers have now relatively a lead of 8 points, and it is hopeless to expect Celtic with only 3 games to play to overtake their rivals. The League competition has, therefore, again had an uneventful run and an uninteresting finish. It is to be hoped that this new season will bring home to the officials the necessity for a change in the conditions of the competition for another season. Ayr United, it may be remarked, in scoring three times against Celtic accomplished what no other club has done this season.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Undecided Fourth Round Tie.
Partick Thistle, 3; Motherwell, 1.
Thistle thus enters the semi-final.

LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL.

England, 1; Scotland, 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Rangers, 7; Ayr United, 2.
Airdrie, 5; Aberdeen, 2.
Celtic, 2; Dundee, 0.
Clyde, 3; St. Mirren, 1.
Glydebank, 3; Morton, 1.
Dumbarton, 1; Hibernians, 0.
Falkirk, 1; Motherwell, 0.
Hamilton, 0; Raith Rovers, 0.
Hearts, 2; Airdrie, 1.
Ayr, 3; Celtic, 1.
Aberdeen, 2; Queen's Park, 1.
Dundee, 1; Partick Thistle, 0.
Aberdeen, 1; Kilmarnock, 1.

THE LATE MR. J. H. DE REUS.

HIS CONSULAR CAREER.

The late Mr. J. H. de Reus, the Consul-General for the Netherlands, at Shanghai, who died very unexpectedly last week from a heart attack, had had a career of some distinction in the Consular Service of his country. He was born, the *N.Y. Daily News* says, at Dordrecht in 1861, and after his education at the Public Commercial School in Rotterdam, where he passed his final examination in 1883, he attended the Commercial High School in Antwerp, subsequently entering the Consular Service. As was customary in those days, consular students were required to obtain practical experience in some large commercial institution, so that it was not until 1890 that Mr. de Reus obtained his first official appointment, which was at Buenos Aires. After spending some time there, he returned to Holland, went to the Foreign Office, and was appointed to Constantinople. His next position was at Harbin, and thence he journeyed to the Far East—to Yokohama, in 1897. He acted as Consul there, and in a similar capacity at Kobe, until 1899, in which year he was despatched on a special mission to central Russia. In 1901, he was appointed *charge d'affaires* in Venezuela, and three years later became Minister resident for Venezuela, Columbia and Panama. A break in diplomatic relations between Holland and Venezuela brought about his return to Holland in 1908, and in that year he was appointed to Hongkong as Consul-General for South China.

Mr. de Reus went to Shanghai in 1915 and remained there until the time of his death, with the exception of one period of leave in 1919. Prior to his return from Holland in August of last year, he was decorated with the order of the Netherlands Lion and was also made an officer of the Orange-Nassau Order. He had many distinctions conferred upon him by other countries in recognition of his very able services. His loss is greatly regretted by the Netherlands community in Shanghai, by whom he was greatly esteemed as a friend and an official.

His interest in the business of the community was keen and practical, and among the many enterprises to his credit is that of being one of the founders of the Java-China-Japan steamship line, whilst he was also very practically concerned in the development of the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. de Reus was 55 years of age. There is no doubt, says our contemporary, that Mr. de Reus was deeply affected by the death of his only daughter, 12 years of age, which occurred but a few weeks ago; and since then, though continuing to attend formally to the duties of his office, his keenness and interest in things gradually waned.

LABOUR PREMIER'S ANECDOTES.

WORKING CLASS IDEALS.

The Hon. John Storey, Premier of New South Wales, was the guest of the Royal Colonial Institute at luncheon at the Grosvenor Hall, on March 17th. Sir Godfrey Lagden, chairman of the Council, presided.

Mr. Storey, in replying to the toast of his health, said that he was under doctor's orders not to make speeches, and asked indulgence on that ground. He felt that afternoon somewhat like the first Labour Government in New South Wales did when they first met at dinner in Government House, Sydney. They were invited to take their wives with them, and they had never been to such a function before. All the ladies were sitting round with their husbands, each one watching the other just to see what they were going to do—a little bit anxious as to whether they made a slip. Lord Chelmsford was Governor at the time, and among the members of the Ministry was a Staffordshire man. The position became still more embarrassing when the latter began to laugh most heartily. Lord Chelmsford said to him, "What are you laughing at?" "Well," replied the Staffordshire man, "I was just wondering what my dear old mother would say if she could only see me now."

"And so, if I may apply it to myself," said the speaker, "I am wondering what my dear old mother would think if she could see me now. One day I have an audience of the King and in a few days' time I have to lunch with the Prince. I am honoured, because we do not accept commands from Royalty in Australia. (Laughter.) We are Social Anarchists. When the Prince was sitting beside me in New South Wales, I said to him, 'I want you to understand that you have to be very careful what you do and say to me, because I am the head of an Anarchist party.' The Prince said, 'Oh! Lord! Then I hope I shall meet some more anarchists soon.' (Laughter.)"

We were sent into Parliament (Mr. Storey went on) as a protest against an order of society which we considered to be wrong. We believed the working classes in Australia were not getting a fair reward for their labour. Ever since then it has been the aim of the Labour Party, speaking generally, to obtain whatever concessions they sought by constitutional means. Addressing members of Parliament yesterday, I said it was useless to talk of turning over society in one day, that evolution was the sound and proper way of obtaining reforms—if they were going to be of a lasting character. Concessions obtained by bloodshed have to be retained by bloodshed. Reforms should be obtained through the ballot-box by the will of the people. Our Labour Party believes in science and knowledge, education, refinement, and the possibility of the working classes enjoying some of these accomplishments. And whatever its views with regard to certain things there is no doubt as to how it stands from the standpoint of Empire. (Cheers.)

SEAMAN'S EXPERIENCE OF KOWLOON.

ALWAYS GOES THERE ARMED.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Magistracy yesterday, Antony Opinatis, seaman, of s.s. *Montague*, was charged with being drunk and incapable in Connaught Road Central on Thursday night, and with having had in his possession a loaded revolver.

The defendant admitted having been drunk but declared he could not say whether or not he was incapable. With regard to the revolver, he said: "I suppose if the police say I had it, I must have it, although I do not remember having it. I identify the gun as my property all right, but cannot remember bringing it ashore."

The Magistrate: Why do you carry a revolver?

Defendant: I had intended to go to Kowloon, and as a matter of fact did go there by launch to meet a party. When I was in Kowloon seven years ago, I met with an "accident," and I have carried firearms since for self-protection. I don't remember anything after I got intoxicated. I will admit that there is no excuse for me or any civilised person.

Inspector Moore, who prosecuted, said that the revolver was loaded in four chambers. The other two contained empty cartridges.

The defendant said that he had discharged one of the bullets on board the ship. The Inspector added that as the result of a telephone message, Sergeant Stimson was sent to Connaught Road at 10 p.m. The defendant was found asleep under the verandah of a house opposite the Yaumatei Ferry Wharf. A detective sergeant who had arrived on the scene before Sergeant Stimson had relieved the defendant of the revolver. The Inspector said that he took a serious view of the case as in his state the defendant might have shot at and injured someone. He asked for a heavy penalty as a warning to other ship's people not to bring firearms ashore.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$3 on the first charge and \$200 or two months' on the other. The revolver was confiscated.

THE SHIPPING POSITION.

SEAMEN PROTESTING AGAINST RATE REDUCTION.

The National Marine Board, which is similar to the Whitley National Council, minus Government representation, was to hold a round table conference on March 17th to consider the shipowners' flat rate reductions on the ground that the flat rate war risk bonus, imposed in 1917, has since been merged in the regular wages, and also the disproportionate overtime increases, and later, the increases to the officers and engineers. On the contrary, the seamen point out that the proposed reduction exceeds the war risk bonus, and they protest at the arbitrary proportions of the terms.

Sir Havelock Wilson was threatened to resign owing to the interminable complaints, but it was expected that he would overcome the personal attacks and take a leading part in the negotiations.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce & de Navigation d'Extrême Orient, in their report dated Saigon, April 18th, state:—

Our market is quiet, but prices have slightly advanced, though the paddy has remained unchanged. This advance is due largely to the rate of exchange and also to the cost of milling, which has considerably increased owing to the large number of contracts already made for May delivery.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to April 11th is 325,890 tons against 324,988 tons in 1920.

We quote to-day:—White Saigon Rice, No. 2 sifed, Japan quality, Hongkong, \$4.65 per picul, f.o.b. Saigon for May shipment.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

CHEUNG CHAU FERRY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—A more intimate acquaintance with the local M. S. Ordinance would probably have made "Roderick Random" aware that the reason vessels of over 50 tons are required to carry certificated Master and Engineers is, as far as possible, to safeguard the lives of the passengers against the risks (by no means hypothetical) of piracy, shipwreck, boiler explosions, etc.

From a financial point of view it is debatable whether a bigger vessel than the present ferry launch, though run at a greater cost, would not, *ceteris paribus*, be a better investment; at any rate for the passengers.

I submit, therefore, that the Government's claim to "foresight" is not so doubtful as "Roderick Random" would have us believe.—Yours faithfully,

"PROPELLER."

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921.

"Roderick Random" was in no doubt as to the object of the regulation though he questioned the necessity for the regulation. We are glad to find our correspondent shares the view that a bigger vessel than the present Cheung-chau ferry launch would be a better investment—at any rate for the passengers. Does he seriously contend that all the risks to which he refers, including even that of piracy, would be appreciably increased if the present limit of 50 tons were raised under existing conditions to, say, 80 tons in the waters of the Colony?—Ed., H.D.P.

"THINKING ALIKE?"

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—In the perusal of "Roderick Random's" reflections in your issue of yesterday's date I met with some surprise the following words: "the creation of a competent board of administration in Peking consisting of foreigners and Chinese with a trained foreign administrator at its head." I say "with some surprise" because the idea contained in those words has a partial resemblance to the central idea in the first part of an essay which I am writing under the proposed title of "Judicious Policy for China."

About two weeks ago, when I was having a friendly chat with a local solicitor I asked him what he thought of that very idea, or scheme in the first part of my essay. Near the beginning of it—I mean of the essay—there appears this sentence which is the first in a separate paragraph: "The subject-matter, or rather the central ideas, discussed under the two headings of this essay are fresh, perhaps, to almost all readers, for I have never heard nor read anything about them except what I have here written and read to myself.—Yours, etc.,

SIDNEY EDWARDS.

29th April, 1921.

"BABY CARRIED OFF BY EAGLE?"

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—I note your interrogation mark after the above headline, and would like to emphasise it, my boyhood having been spent

"Where Gaudie rins, At the foot of Benachie." Minor inaccuracies, perhaps, prejudice one as to the main point, but Benachie is not the highest mountain in the district, the Top o' Noth excelling it by a couple of hundred feet. Neither has it a point called the "Mither Top," the right word is "Nether."

This modest elevation, some 1,000 feet only, stands close above the lowland plain; it is a favourite resort for picnic parties, but as for eagles!!!

The disappearance of a small child among the moors and moorlands is, unfortunately, all too possible. Do I not remember a holiday from school one Monday to help search parties hunting for the missing parish minister, who seemed to have fled in some temporary aberration from his Sunday duties?

But there are roads and cart tracks in plenty over those banks and braes, and one finds it hard to believe that the eagle ever haunts the region.

Up in Aberdeenshire we used to get a fair amount of fun out of down-country journalism and its ignorance of our barbarian land and habits. It was a weekly of high-standing, e.g., which illustrated a scene in Aberdeen, which with all the male population in kilts.

We natives knew—50 years ago—that the kilt is usually the mark of the Hassenach tourist.—Yours faithfully,

J. K. M.

April 29th, 1921.

H.E. THE GOVERNOR.

RECEPTION AT TIENTSIN AND PEKING.

H.E. Sir Reginald Stubbs, the Governor of Hongkong, arrived at Tientsin, on April 19th, and stayed at the British Consulate-General. His Excellency came by the s.s. *Shantung*, and was met on board by H.B.M.'s Consul-General, Mr. W. P. Ker, C.M.G., Mr. H. F. Handley-Derry, H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul, Major Brooke, D.S.O., Chief of Staff, British Army Headquarters, Tientsin, Col. Ting (representing General Yang-Lieh), Mr. Hollington Teng and others. Detachments of British and Chinese troops formed the guard of honour and were inspected by His Excellency after he had disembarked.

H.E. the Governor of Hongkong on arrival at Peking from Weihaiwei on April 21st was received at the station by Sir Beilby Acland, H.M. Minister, with a party of officials from the British Legation and a guard of honour drawn from the Legation Guard.

FRENCH ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

OFFICIAL LANDING AT BLAKE PIER.

Rear-Admiral Thomines, Commander-in-Chief of the French Far Eastern Squadron, who arrived in Hongkong on the *Montcalm*, on Thursday evening, made his official landing yesterday morning, though he had been ashore, unofficially, overnight.

A guard of honour from the 2nd Batt., Wiltshire Regt., under the command of Lieut. Pritchard, was drawn up at Blake Pier, and the Rear-Admiral was received by Lieut. Hammond, A.D.C. to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government. The Admiral called at Government House and visited the Commodore, returning to the *Montcalm* later in the morning.

Rear-Admiral Thomines is expected to stay at the port for about a week; and it is probable that the French community will pay him the compliment of entertaining him at a public function.

THE OPIUM QUESTION.

ACTION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

The General Secretary of the International Anti-Opium Association, Peking, has received the following letter from Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations:—

"In reply to your letter of January 18th, I have to inform you that the Council of the League of Nations at its sitting on February 21st, 1921, appointed an Advisory Committee on the Opium Traffic question, comprised of one official representative of each of the following eight countries; viz.:—

"Holland, Great Britain, France, India, Japan, China, Siam and Portugal. In addition, the Council appointed three unofficial assessors to the Committee—Sir John Jordan, M. Henri Brenier and Mrs. Hamilton Wright.

"The first meeting of the Committee is expected to take place at the beginning of May."

A BOGUS COLLECTOR.

STUDENT SENT TO PRISON.

At the Magistracy, before Mr. B. E. Lindsell, yesterday, a Chinese student named George Yeung Kai Young, living at 52, Caine Road, was charged with obtaining \$1,500 from Mr. Maurice J. B. Montargis, Manager of the Banque Industrielle de Chine, by representing himself to be an authorised subscription canvasser for the new Canton Chinese Y.M.C.A., and with attempting to obtain by the same device from M. Montargis a subscription said to have been intended for the local Chinese Y.M.C.A.

Mr. A. E. Hall defended. Inspector Appleton said the allegation of the prosecution was that the defendant interviewed M. Montargis at the Bank on March 5th, representing himself to be a canvasser for subscriptions in aid of the Kwangtung Y.M.C.A. He produced a subscription list on which were recorded subscriptions supposed to have been made by other banks, and invited M. Montargis to contribute to the fund. One bank was shown on the list as having subscribed \$2,500, and several others \$1,500 each.

M. Montargis gave the accused \$1,500 as his bank's contribution to what appeared to him to be a genuine and deserving cause. Later, the accused again interviewed M. Montargis, this time to raise funds for the Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. M. Montargis, who had made inquiries in the meantime, communicated with the police and had the accused arrested.

Mr. Hall made a plea that the defendant was of weak mentality, and was not entirely responsible for his actions. His father had undertaken to return the \$1,500 to the Bank and would look after the youth very closely in future. On these grounds, Mr. Hall appealed for a lenient sentence.

A sentence of four weeks' imprisonment was imposed.

AN ANOPHELINE TRAGEDY.

An anopheles mosquito was a flitting in the shade Where some stagnant pools were standing in a little sylvan glade; He was very well-connected, rather handsome was he called, And he answered to the name of Maximilian Archibald.

[At least his friends so called him; but his Ma, in loving way, Would dub him 'Myzorhynchus' Pseudopictus, so they say; It really doesn't matter how you name him—not a bit— Provided you remember he was absolutely "it"]

Now Maximilian Archibald he had a roving eye, And he saw a Fasciata that was idly passing by. He started to address her, for I grieve to say he used To speak to lady 'squitters when he'd not been introduced.

The lady (Have I mentioned Araminta was her name?) Had lived a hundred yards away and knew not of his fame; But she thought him rather handsome and they got on very well 'Till a gentlemanly Culex came and buzzed around the dell.

Araminta promptly noticed how finely built was he, While Mister Maximilian was as slender as could be: She reckoned as a husband he was much to be preferred, So Maximilian Archy was presented with the "bird."

But Archy's heart with courage was indisputably stored (He once had stung a member of the Sanitary Board): He fell into a passion right away, and, seeing red, He lit out for that Culex and he killed him very dead.

The fickle Araminta—as the female always will—Admired this exhibition of his brutal martial skill. A marriage was arranged at once, and later, with much glee, She presented Maximilian with a healthy family.

She kept them in their nursery, the surface of a pool— Where all good small mosquitoes thrive and prosper, as a rule. But one sad day a horrid man intruded on the scene, And went and muzzled the water up with nasty kerosene.

The infants promptly perished underneath this brutal blow, And Araminta pined away and "hopped the twig" with woe. While Maximilian, when he found he'd lost his winsome bride, He stung the M.O.H. and then committed suicide.

Moral.

The moral of this story is as plain as plain can be. Although they're very trying to the likes of you and me, I think (tho' I've not been one so, of course, I may be wrong) It's not all beer and skittles for Mosquitoes in Hongkong.

E. W. H.

INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL MEETING.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' FUNDS.

The thirtieth annual general meeting of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong was held at the rooms of the Institution last evening, Mr. W. Budge presiding.

The annual report, which has already been published, was adopted, on the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. J. McCUBBIN. In moving the resolution, the CHAIRMAN referred to the large increase—110—in membership, and on the satisfactory balance in hand. He also spoke with regret of the loss the Institution sustained on the departure from the Colony of several members.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that Mr. J. Reid, manager of Taikoo Dock, be elected President for the ensuing year. He referred to the absence, on home leave, of Mr. T. Neave, the President then in office, who, he said, had been a very diligent holder of the office. The Institution generally looked for a good deal of work from its Presidents.

Mr. J. ORMISTON seconded, and the motion was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Reid, in responding, thanked the members for the honour and said he would do all in his power to promote the interests of the Institution and to work as hard as possible.—(Laughter).

Mr. W. Budge and Mr. J. Ormiston were elected Vice-Presidents, on the motion of Mr. J. McCUBBIN, seconded by Mr. W. J. STOKES.

Mr. B. L. FROST proposed that Mr. S. Baker be elected hon. secretary, and the proposal was very heartily received.

Mr. P. T. FARRELL who has held the office during Mr. Baker's absence on leave, seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. A. J. PILGRIM was elected hon. treasurer, on the motion of Mr. W. RUSSELL seconded by Mr. T. G. PATTERSON. Mr. W. J. STOKES was elected hon. librarian. Mr. R. HUNTER moved this, and the CHAIRMAN seconded.

The auditors, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, were re-elected, on the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. P. T. FARRELL.

The result of the ballot for the Committee was announced as follows:—Messrs. P. T. Farrell, B. Hunter, J. McCubbin, B. L. Frost, S. Baker, W. Budge, J. Ormiston, T. G. Patterson, W. Russell, G. J. Harman, J. Tully, W. J. Stokes, A. Davidson and E. Hall. The scrutineers were thanked for their services.

An alteration of rules, passed at a special meeting, was confirmed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was passed, on the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. McCUBBIN.

MODERNISING THE LIBRARY.

Mr. A. E. BENSON drew attention to the condition of the Library of the Institution. He suggested that the fiction side needed modernising, and, as the Association was in funds, he suggested that the matter be taken in hand.

The CHAIRMAN mentioned that Mr. B. L. Frost, who had been acting as librarian, had been ill for some months. Mr. J. ORMISTON said that Mr. Benson was justified in his remarks. Most of the fiction needed "scrapping"—one could not get a book worth reading. He proposed that at least \$30 a month be spent on fiction for the library.

Mr. R. M. DYER seconded. The CHAIRMAN said the motion was unnecessary as \$30 was spent already.

Mr. ORMISTON: Then make it \$35. The motion was amended accordingly.

Mr. Frost said that for several years it had been difficult to get modern books locally. Prior to his illness four or five works of fiction were added to the library each month, and Mr. Stokes was carrying on that policy now. Most members possessed their own technical books, so that the library was not in great demand for that kind of books. However, the rule had been relaxed making it possible for such books to be taken away and not merely consulted in the library. He agreed that greater expenditure was needed on fiction.

Mr. STOKES said the purchase of novels locally was a bad speculation. One did not get new books.

The motion was carried.

DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

The CHAIRMAN proposed that \$100 sterling be voted to St. Dunstan's Hospital for blinded sailors and soldiers and \$100 sterling to Earl Haig's fund. It devolved on him (he said) "do a bit" for both funds. The soldiers and sailors had borne the brunt in the last few years and still needed help, poor fellows. He thought the Institution could do more this year and so he proposed the two contributions.

Mr. R. M. DYER seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF BILLIARDS CUPS.

The Billiards Cups and prizes were then presented as follows:—

—PRESIDENT'S CUP FOR 1920.—1, (presented by T. Neave), J. Parkes; 2, (by B. L. Frost and H. Hunter), G. Grot; break prize (by A. K. Henderson), W. Brown (break of 53).

—FAR EAST OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE CO. CUPS.—1, R. Hunter; 2, B. L. Frost; break prize (by Institute), J. Ormiston; break prize (by Institute), A. Silkstone (break of 31).

—HANDICAP COMPETITION.—1, (presented by J. M. Ramsay), W. Brown; 2, (by T. W. Robertson), J. B. Hamilton; break prize (by Institute), A. Silkstone (break of 30).

A vote of thanks to the CHAIRMAN proposed by the new President, Mr. J. Reid, concluded the proceedings.

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your cheque for \$1,878 in refund of the premium
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We desire to thank you for your courtesy in
settling this claim within the very short period
of four days after production of probate for your
inspection.

Wishing you and your Company continued
success.

Yours faithfully,
(Sd.) G. A. DE ROZA,
Representative of the estate of the
late E. J. NORONHA (deceased).

Hongkong, April 16th, 1921. [877]

NOTICE.

BY request of the Bolivian Government, the
Consul-General for Peru in this Colony,
O. DIEZ CANSECO Esq., has on the 27th
instants taken over the interests of that Republic
in Hongkong. All documents will be duly
signed when produced at the PERUVIAN
CONSULATE-GENERAL, Alexandra Buildings, 4th
floor.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [874]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY
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The TRANSFER BOOKS and REGISTER
of Members of the Company will be CLOSED
from the 4th May to the 19th May, both days
inclusive.

At this Meeting a Resolution will be pro-
posed dealing with the remuneration to the
auditing committee.

JARINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [876]

SS. "ANDRE LEBON"

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEIL-
LES in connection with above Steamer
are hereby informed that their Goods with
the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables
are being landed, and stored at their risks, into
the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be
obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless
intimation is received from the Consignees
before Noon To-day requesting it to be landed
here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after
the 5th day, at Noon, will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 5th day, or they will not be recognized.
All damaged packages will be examined by
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, on TUESDAY,
the 5th day, at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

R. RODENFUSER,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [876]

HONGKONG TAILORING CO.

No. 10, D'AGUIAR STREET.

TAKE NOTICE that L. LAM, the late
manager of the Hongkong Tailoring
Company, has, as per our previous notice, no
longer power to receive any moneys or give
receipts therefor on behalf of the above Firm,
enter into any contracts, or pledge the credit of
the Firm in any way whatsoever.

THE HONGKONG TAILORING CO.
Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [870]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.
FRANCIS BULMER Lyon Bowler in our
Firm ceased on the 28th day of April, 1921.
MR. CHARLES BULMER JOHNSON and
MR. HENRY LADNER DENNIS, Junior,
will continue to carry on the business.

DENNIS & BOWLER.

Dated 28th day of April, 1921. [870]

FOR SALE.

BRUNSWICK STANDARD ICE
MAKING PLANT.

Capacity—4 tons per 24 hours.
No. of Ice Cans—95.
Weight of Block 150 lbs., size 8 1/2" x 15" x 42".
Compressor—Fulley—40" dia. 9 1/2" face.
Speed—160 R.P.M.
Atmospheric Ammonia—Condenser—12 pipes
10 ft. long. Complete with Ice Tank and
Accessories.

Also
One 20 B.H.P. Motor to provide power for
above plant.

Further details and specification may be
obtained from—

ACEAL/REISS & CO.

No. 3, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [846]

INTIMATIONS

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE

NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that from

MAY 1st, the PERMIT OFFICE of this

Department will CLOSE at 1 P.M., on SATUR-

DAYS, instead of 4 P.M.

N. L. SMITH, Superintendent,
Imports and Exports.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [869]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the

REGISTER of SHARES of the

Corporation will be CLOSED on THURS-

DAY, MAY 5th, to SATURDAY, MAY 28th,

(both days inclusive) during which period no

Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28th, 1921. [868]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the

SHAREHOLDERS of the HONG-

KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION will be held at the CITY HALL,

Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 28th day

of May, 1921, at Noon, for the purpose

of considering and if thought fit of pass-

ing the following resolution:—

1.—That the Directors of the HONGKONG

AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION be and they are hereby re-

quested and authorized by and on

behalf of the shareholders of the

Company to take the steps neces-

sary for the introduction of an

Ordinance into the Legislative

Council of the Colony of Hongkong

and for the enactment of the same

with the advice and consent of the Legis-

lative Council thereof to effect the

amendments necessary to the Ordi-

nances under which the Company is

incorporated and carrying on busi-

ness so as to allow of the capital

of the Company being from time to

time increased from 20 millions of

dollars the present authorized capi-

tal of the Company to 50 millions

of dollars.

2.—That the Capital of the HONGKONG

AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-

TION be forthwith increased from

\$15,000,000 to \$50,000,000 by the

creation of 40,000 New Shares of

\$125 each to be issued at the price

of \$70 on the terms after mentioned.

Shareholders on the Eastern Regis-

ters to pay for their allotments at

the rate of exchange for the Com-

pany's demand Bills on London on

the day on which the instalments

are due.

3.—That the said New Shares be in the

first instance, in such manner as

the Directors shall prescribe for

that purpose, offered to shareholders

in the proportion of one New Share

for every three shares of which on

the 28th day of May, 1921, Share-

holders shall respectively be the

registered Holders, and that any

New Shares not accepted by Share-

holders within the time limited by

the Directors for that purpose be

disposed of and allotted by the

Directors in such manner and at

such price as in their discretion

they shall think best in the interests

of the Company.

4.—That the payment of the sum of

\$70 per share for each of the said

New Shares be made as follows,

viz:—

1st. Instalment of £35 on the 1st

day of July, 1921.

2nd. and final instalment of £35 on

the 1st day of October, 1921.

5.—That the Directors issue to Share-

holders, holding shares less than or

not a multiple of three fractional

certificates in respect of each share

less than three or in excess of a

multiple of three and allot one New

Share to every person who shall

produce three such Fractional Cer-

tificates on or before the 1st day of

July, 1921, and pay the first instal-

ment in respect thereof.

6.—That after payment of the first

instalment, and pending payment

of the remaining instalment, Scrip

Certificates in such form as the

Directors may determine be issued

in respect of such New Shares

entitling the holders on payment of

the remaining instalment, and sub-

ject to such other terms as may be

approved, date for lodging scrip

certificates and otherwise as the Di-

rectors may prescribe, to be registered

as the owners of the shares respec-

tively represented by such Scrip

Certificates.

7.—That interest at the rate of 6 per

cent per annum be allowed out of

the profits of the Company on in-

stalments paid in advance of the

dates when the same become due,

and that registered holders of Scrip

Certificates for New Shares be

entitled in respect of such New

Shares to participate in future

dividends on an equality with the

old shares, in proportion to the

instalments paid up and from due

dates for payment of same.

8.—That interest at the rate of 8 per

cent per annum be charged on each

instalment not punctually

paid, and be paid with each such

instalment.

9.—That all moneys received from

premium on the said New Shares be

added to the Sterling Reserve Fund.

For The HONGKONG & SHANGHAI

BANKING CORPORATION,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [867]

PREPAID "WANTED"
ADVERTISEMENTS.

Letters are lying at this Office for
Messrs. P. Q. AD. AP. AW. BF. BG.
RR. BY. XX LM. 50

WANTED.—STEAM LAUNCHES.

about 60 ft. long or more, draught 7 ft.,

must be strongly built and in good running

order, surface condensing engines. Full particulars

to—CHIEF ENGINEER, 55

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EUROPEAN 33, Seek employment any

capacity, Motor Line preferred or part-

nership of same considered. Good knowledge

of Cantonese. Apply to Box LO, 9/6 Daily

Press Office. 58

TO LET.—No. 13, ABNEY ROAD,

Kowloon, Six-roomed HOUSE from 1st

June, 1921. Apply to—J. M. NORONHA,

Credit Foncier d'Extreme-Orient. 54

TO LET.—OFFICE To Let in Alexandra

Buildings. Apply A. S. WATSON &

CO., LTD. 53

SWEET PEAS.—For Sale a few packets of

seed saved from my own plants. Delivery

now or at proper sowing season. A. NICOL,

Quarry Bay. 57

FOR SALE.

FIVE-ROOMED BUNGALOW, Peak

District. Tennis Court, Kitchen Garden.

Early possession.

Apply to—

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION

COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"YATSHING"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees

of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all

Goods are being landed at their risk into the

hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company, Limited, whence and/or from

whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by May 3rd, will be

subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged packages are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined. Claims against the steamer must be

presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise

they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in

any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

JARINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, April 29th, 1921. [869]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"ATSUTA MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees

of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods

are being landed and placed at their risk in the

hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of

the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company, Limited, whence and/or from

whence delivery may be obtained as soon as the

Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless in-

structions are given to the contrary before

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

MINERS' STRIKE.

GOVERNMENT'S OFFER TO MINERS.

London, April 29th.

Prior to the miners' rejection of the Government proposals, the Government offered to increase the subsidy from £7,500,000 to £10,000,000, spread over a temporary period of four months provided that a durable settlement was made for at least a year after the subsidy ended.

An official statement issued by the Miners' Association foreshadows that the owners will now return to their respective districts to enter into arrangements with local Unions with a view to an early resumption of work.

EARLIER CABLES.

OUTLOOK NEVER BLACKER.

London, April 29th.

The railwaymen dismissed at Nottingham for refusing to handle coal have been reinstated. This has averted the threatened strike on the Great Northern Railway.

The coal strike situation was never blacker than it is in consequence of the miners' conference decision to-night to reject the Government's proposals, because they do not concede the fundamental principles of the national wages board and the national pool.

A resolution to this effect was carried almost unanimously at a meeting at which the secretary (Mr. Frank Hodges) reported Sir Robert Horne's final Government offer and stated that the miners' delegates were returning to their districts to report upon the present Government offer.

ATTITUDE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

London, April 29th.

Reuter's Lobby correspondent states that the miners' decision has deeply disappointed the Government, which will now take every measure to secure the country's maintenance. It is emphasised that the resolution rejecting the offer shows that the strike is being continued on a purely political issue.

MINERS' SUBSIDY PROPOSAL.

London, April 29th.

After the conference with Sir Robert Horne this morning, the miners' representatives said that the outlook was gloomy. A breakdown was possible, as the Government had refused to increase the temporary subsidy.

GERMAN CAMP HORRORS.

EVIDENCE AGAINST NEUMANN.

London, April 29th.

A further case of German war atrocities was investigated at Bow Street, to-day, when evidence was given on charges against Neumann of cruelty to British prisoners at the Pommersdorf chemical works in 1917 and 1918. It was announced that Neumann was in custody in Germany, and that Trinke, who was in Poland, had not yet been arrested.

Witnesses said that the accused used rifles, bayonets, and fists in attacking prisoners, already suffering from the fumes of the chemicals with which they were working.

OILFIELDS HOLD-UP.

MEXICAN BANDITS ATTACK OFFICIALS.

Houston (Texas), April 29th.

The most sanguinary hold-up in the history of the oilfields occurred at Tampico, where fifteen Mexican bandits held up officials and "colored" wages amounting to 135,000 pesos in gold. Ten persons were killed, including two bandits.

CAIRO CRISIS.

ZAGLOUL PASHA'S THREAT.

Cairo, April 29th.

Zagloul Pasha has informed Reuter that the Adly ministry has refused his conditions. He intimates that he will not enter into official negotiations if the Adly Cabinet persists in its attitude.

LATEST CABLES.

THE GUINEAS.

WINS FOR OUTSIDERS.

London, April 29th.

The following was the result of the One Thousand Guinea race:—

Bettina 1
Petra 2
Pompador 3

Betting: 33 to 1 Bettina; 33 to 1 Petra, and 7 to 1 Pompador.

Twenty-four ran. Bettina won by a length and a half; three-quarters of a length between Petra and Pompador.

THE TWO THOUSAND GUINEAS.

The following was the result in the Two Thousand Guinea race:—

Craiggaeran 1
Lemonora 2
Humorist 3

Betting: 100 to 1 Craiggaeran; 100 to 1 Lemonora; and 3 to 1 Humorist.

Twenty-six ran. Three-quarters of a length separated the first and second; the same distance between the second and third.

"BY THE ETERNAL."

PRESIDENT HARDING'S SOLEMN DECLARATION.

London, April 29th.

President Harding reviewed the Atlantic Fleet from the Presidential yacht *Mayflower*. There was an imposing spectacle. In his speech from the quarter-deck of the flagship *Pennsylvania* he said he wished that America might never again be called on to fire a gun, and declared that the United States did not want anything not right, but did want what was righteously its own "and, by the Eternal, we mean to have that."

EARLIER CABLES.

AMERICAN NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

BILL IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Washington, April 29th.

The House of Representatives, by an overwhelming vote, rejected an amendment to the Naval Appropriations Bill providing that no funds should be expended on warship construction until President Harding had called an international conference to consider disarmament.

SUPPLEMENTARY IRISH ESTIMATES.

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO SINN FEINERS.

London, April 29th.

In the House of Commons, introducing the supplementary Irish estimates, Sir Hamar Greenwood said that the withdrawal of the auxiliary police from Ireland was not contemplated. He ridiculed the suggestion that these 1,500 British officers were responsible for the present disorder, and added that the authorities had captured documents showing a plot to interfere with the Belfast water supply and other outrages, with a view to interfering with the elections in North Ireland, but the Government had resolved that the elections should be held in both North and South on May 24th.

Considerable importance is attached in parliamentary circles to the concluding parts of the speech made by the Prime Minister in the House of Commons on the Irish estimates, in which he again affirmed his willingness to discuss the Irish problem with an authorised representative of Irish opinion. The Prime Minister read remarks which were framed after consultation with Mr. Balfour, believed to be interpretable in connection with Lord Derby's recent visit to Dublin. He offered to see any Sinn Fein or member of Parliament not suspected of murder, of which there were only about four, on any subject of public importance without any preliminary conditions as regards policy or opinion. The member who came could put any proposals. It would be the Government's responsibility whether they accepted or rejected them. (Cheers.)

GERMAN REPARATION PROPOSALS.

RE-HASH OF OLD.

London, April 29th.

The new German proposals were at first not fully comprehensible in British official circles, owing to their obscurity. They are now regarded as merely a clumsy re-hash of the London proposals, and they are, therefore, unacceptable.

According to Reuter's Washington correspondent, the State Department is awaiting the receipt of some indication of the Allies' attitude towards the German proposals before replying to Berlin.

Reuter's Paris correspondent says that the French Government has asked the American Government for an assurance that it would not deliver the German note without the approval of the Allies, adding that the proposals are unacceptable to France and that the occupation of the Ruhr region is increasingly probable, but it cannot be carried out for a week after it has been decided upon in agreement.

GREAT BRITAIN AND OCCUPATION POLICY.

London, April 29th.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Mr. Lloyd George said that the new German proposals were thoroughly unsatisfactory and inadequate.

Replying to supplementary questions whether this meant that Great Britain was committed to further occupation in Germany, the Premier said that the House would have an opportunity of expressing judgment during the debate on the Foreign Office Estimates on May 5th, but he disagreed with the view that representatives of the Government could not commit the country as regards a particular course of action. He doubted whether the decision of the Supreme Council would be taken before May 2nd or 3rd, and reiterated his previous statements as regards the Westphalian coalfields. A motion by the Hon. J. M. Kenworthy to debate "the Government's refusal to seek the assent of Parliament before concurring with further occupation of Germany" was defeated by an overwhelming vote.

REPARATION AMOUNT.

London, April 29th.

In the House of Commons, Lieut. Commander Hilton Young, replying to Mr. Hogge, said that the 132 milliard gold marks fixed by the Reparations Commission to be paid by Germany did not include an estimated sum of £250,000,000 to be reimbursed by Germany under article 232 in respect of Belgium's debt to the Allies. He added that the Commission's decision had been conveyed to Germany.

ALLIES AGREE.

London, April 29th.

Reuter learns that a semi-official message from a French source states that agreement among the Allies is becoming still more complete as regards the German situation. Allied experts, after the examination of the figures, believe that occupation of the Ruhr area will yield one and a half to two milliards gold marks annually.

V.R.C. SPORTS.

FEATURES OF PROGRAMME.

One of the most interesting features of the Victoria Recreation Club's sports programme, to-day, will be the Marathon race, which will start from the Shaikwan police station. The course is through Shaikwan Road to the Tramway terminus at Causeway Bay, then through Caroline Hill Road and Wong-neichung Road to the Football Club, once round the ring, at the football ground, and finishing at the top in front of the stand. The race will start at 4 p.m. There are 27 entries, including T. R. Singh, the winner of the Colony's Marathon, and Marr, the Kowloon Marathon winner.

There are also 8 entries in the bicycle race for ladies. In all 83 entries have been received for the sports. A band will be in attendance.

I hate debentures more than the devil hates holy water. — Lord Lecherburne.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

NEW LINE TO FAR EAST.

P. & O. CO.'S PLANS.

London, April 29th.

The Peninsular and Oriental Navigation Co. has inaugurated a new fortnightly direct passenger line between London and the Straits Settlements, China and Japan, chiefly by means of 9,000 tons steamers of the *Khyber* class.

It is pointed out that a complete establishment of this line is contingent upon the release of some designated vessels from the mail service, in which they are temporarily employed, pending settlement of labour troubles, which are affecting the re-conditioning of several larger mail steamers.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE AND CHINESE OPINION.

London, April 29th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Bellairs, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth said that no written representation had been received from the Chinese Government regarding the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance since the Prime Minister's answer to Captain Wedgwood Benn on June 10th last year. The Government was alive to the interest of the Chinese Government, and people in the matter, but did not consider publication of the Chinese representation would serve a useful purpose.

NEW JAPANESE CONSUL FOR SEATTLE.

London, April 29th.

Mr. Saito, Secretary of the Japanese Embassy, has been appointed Consul at Seattle.

FIVE PERSONS DROWNED.

AT TIEN HUI FESTIVAL.

It is reported that at a festival at Shengyan, yesterday, when large crowds of Chinese women from Hongkong visited the temple on the island, one of the small sampans with nine passengers turned turtle. Five persons, all women, were drowned.

A search was made for the bodies, but without avail.

SAILORS ON HOLIDAY.

RESULT OF PULPIT APPEAL.

An unusual sight will be witnessed this afternoon at the Naval Dockyard. Thirteen motor cars, laden with sailors on pleasure bent, will start on a tour of the island. There will be a picnic tea on the beach at Repulse Bay and dinner at Wisman's Café to conclude.

This is the outcome of the appeal made by the Rev. Gordon W. B. Stait, R.N., in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday week (reported) exclusively in the *Hongkong Daily Press* that residents in Hongkong should do all in their power to make life more attractive to service men stationed here. A lady and gentleman, who desire to remain anonymous, took a party of sailors for a bathing picnic in their launch last Saturday and are also responsible for to-day's outing.

It is to be hoped that their good example will be widely emulated; a roster of hosts should be established forthwith.

52,000 INCOME TAX SUMMONSES.

WELSH WORKERS TRY TO EVADE PAYMENT.

The number of manual wage-earners in South Wales summoned last year for non-payment of income tax was 52,000, said Mr. Chamberlain (Chancellor of the Exchequer) in the House of Commons on March 1st.

Out of that number, he added, 35,500 were colliers, but it could not be traced that any one of these tax-payers was earning £1,000 a year. While a number were in receipt of between £700 and £800 a year, the general average of their earnings was much below these figures.

Mr. Higham suggested that the tax-forms should be printed in the language of the people of Wales.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that he could not add to the difficulties of the Inland Revenue officials.

During the voyage between Colombo and Suva, a boiler tube exploded on board the *Katari*, which is conveying the Japanese Crown Prince to Europe. Two sailors were killed, and two wounded.

CONSOLIDATING CHINA'S INTERNAL LOANS.

THE FINANCE MINISTER'S SCHEME.

The Bureau of Economic Information at Peking communicates to us the following:—

The Minister of Finance, Mr. Chow Tzu-chi, has taken steps to consolidate the various internal loans as part of his plan to put the finances of China upon a proper footing, and effect the liquidation of the total indebtedness of the Government within a reasonable period of time.

To deal with the internal, or National Loans, arrangements have been made for the following revenues for the service of the Loans:—

(1.)—The balance of any surplus of the foreign and Native Customs revenue after meeting the requirements of the 3rd and 4th year loan and the 7th year Short Term Loan.

In the event of the above revenue proving insufficient:—

(2.)—The available surplus salt revenue, up to a total of \$14,000,000 per annum, not exceeding seven-twelfths of the total sum required in each year for the total loan service.

(3.)—The available surplus of the Tobacco and Wine revenue, up to a total of \$10,000,000 per annum, not exceeding five-twelfths of the total sum required in any one year, or

In the event of the Tobacco and Wine revenue proving insufficient:—

(4.)—A sum of \$500,000 a month from the surplus receipts of the Ministry of Communications, such sums to be eventually refunded from the Wine and Tobacco revenue, after provision therefrom for any liability which may accrue under paragraph 3.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SINKING FUND.

The different departments concerned are to make the necessary arrangements for the allocation of the funds required for the Loan Service. These funds are to be handed over to the Inspector-General of Customs, Sir Francis Aglen, for custody. The Loan Service is to be managed by him in conjunction with the Bureau of National Loans and the representatives of the Banks. The public will thus be convinced that the service of the Loans so far as available funds permit will be properly administered. All funds received by the Inspector-General on loan service account will be placed by him in the Chinese Banks for payment of loan obligations. The Banks will follow the procedure of the 3rd and 4th year Loans and afford the necessary co-operation in meeting such obligations.

The following are the loans which will be affected:—

1.—3 PER CENT. MILITARY LOAN.

The original issue was \$7,371,150. The amount redeemed is \$4,000,000, and the balance \$3,371,150. The redemption is originally fixed for 5 drawings. There are still two drawings to take place, each for \$1,685,575. As, however, the rate of interest on this loan is higher than on the others, and as drawings have already been held up three times, it is proposed that beginning from this year there shall be four annual drawings, so that the loan will be wholly repaid in four years.

2.—PATRIOTIC LOAN.

The original issue was \$1,846,790. The amount redeemed is \$1,320,000, and the balance \$526,790. The loan was redeemed in Peking bank-notes. Since the suspension of these notes the amount outstanding to be redeemed this year will be claimed on the basis of 70 per cent. of the face value of the bonds.

3.—FIRST YEAR LOAN.

The amount of issue of this loan, before February 1921, was \$135,280,570. The rate of issue is different at different times. The amount of bonds issued as indemnity for the Nanjing revolution was over \$1,800,000. Although these bonds originally represented their full face value, their market value has now depreciated below 30 per cent. A further amount of over \$12,700,000 was issued in payment of opium stocks, the present market price of which is lower than 40 per cent. The remainder of the bonds, were issued at less than 40 per cent. of their face value. Interest on coupons has been paid on two or three occasions, and the market price of the bonds is lower than 20 per cent. It is now proposed to issue a series of new 6 per cent. bonds in redemption of the Old First Year Bonds. Every one hundred dollar face value of the Old First Year Bonds will be exchanged for forty dollars worth of new bonds. The old bonds of other denominations will be exchanged for new bonds at this rate. Holders who do not wish to make such exchange need not do so. Redemption will begin from this year and continue for ten years until the loan is fully repaid.

4.—FIFTH YEAR LOAN.

The original amount issued was \$20,000,000. The amount redeemed at the only drawing that has taken place is \$1,245,410, and the balance is \$18,754,590. The original plan was to begin redemption from the 8th year in six half-yearly periods. Five years have passed without such redemption. It is now proposed to commence redemption from the 15th year of the Republic, consisting of six half-yearly drawings. As the 3rd and 4th year loans will be repaid in the 14th year of the Republic, the securities will be utilized as a sinking fund for payment of interest and redemption of the 5th year loan.

5.—SEVENTH YEAR LONG TERM LOAN.

The original loan regulations provide for redemption to commence from the 18th year. By that time the 6th year loan will have been redeemed, and its security as well as the securities of the 3rd and 4th year loans can be used as a sinking fund for the 7th year loan, therefore the original regulations need not be modified.

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AIR LINERS OF THE FUTURE.

THOUSAND MILES FLIGHTS.

One hundred million letters were carried by air in the United States last year, whilst in England the total quantity carried between London, Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam could have been carried by one machine. This statement was made by Major W. T. Blake at the Royal Technical College, Glasgow, last month. Airship, he continued, "had grown from comparatively small machines to giants of the R.28 type, over 730ft. long, and having a gross lift of 80 tons. It was gigantic machines of this type which would carry out the long-distance commercial flights of a thousand miles or more in length in the near future. Passengers would be provided with comfortable saloons, sleeping bunks, and promenade decks, and the comfort would, in every way, be equal to that of an ocean-going liner. Whereas it now took about sixteen days to reach India by boat, it would take three to five days to make the journey by air, whilst the cost of the trip would probably be from £75 to £100. In a few years time they would see these giants flying from point to point all over the face of the globe, and by means of their air speed, distances would be annihilated. One interesting slide shown depicted an aeroplane being dropped from an airship. Major Blake explained that aeroplanes would be despatched with mails and possibly passengers from airships in exactly the same way as a slip-catch was now detached from an express train. People generally did not realise the safety of flying; it was not an exaggeration to say that it was as safe as, or safer than, it was to walk about the streets of London.

Speaking on the subject of flying for pleasure, Major Blake said that the man who now ran a Rolls-Royce motor-car did not mind a few hundred miles during the week-end would in the future be able to own an aeroplane and spend his week-end in Italy or go down to the heart of Africa for a week's shooting, with as little trouble as he now entered his car. In the near future every town would have its own aerodrome, and machines would depart from and land on this place. In a few years there would be many thousands of skilled men, the suggested that men should enter the Royal Air Force for a short period to obtain training which would enable them to take the good civil appointments which would come along within the next few years.

DEAR LIVING IN FRANCE.

HAVRE MAYOR'S ACTION.

Lessons in the methods of reducing the cost of living are being given by the Mayor of Havre, who has brought down the family budget in the Normandy town by from 30 to 35 per cent. His principal transactions so far have been in meat, eggs, and butter, but he is now considering an extension of dealings, to other foodstuffs. Beginning with meat, he imported a quantity of fine cattle direct from Morocco, and when the wholesale butchers declined to accept delivery, because the town had not deducted the usual municipal tax, the Mayor within twenty-four hours opened a dozen municipal butchers' shops. Selling at 22.50c. per kilo below the prevailing retail price, he disposed of 16,000lb. worth of meat on the first day, and 20,000lb. worth next day. Sales have constantly increased, and daily there is a queue 200 strong before each municipal establishment. The sales of the rivals are diminishing, and their prices fell 50c. per kilo at the last wholesale market. Similarly with eggs. The Mayor imported from Morocco 150,000, which he distributed among the grocers, with instructions to sell at 40c. each. Each was speckled with indelible red-points to prevent deception. The sales have been so great that imports have had to be increased. Butter, of which the consumers sing the praises, has been obtained from Denmark at 77.50c. per lb., compared with 95c. to 105c. for the local product. 7,000 kilos (about seven tons) were sold in a single day. The whist can be done to stop these successful experiments, but the townfolk hope for increased Mayoral activities. — *Daily Telegraph*.

The Housing problem seems as bad as Singapore, as anywhere. A correspondent writing to a Southern contemporary says: "Four houses which in pre-war times were valued at \$200, \$300 and \$400, respectively, are demanded now, regardless of the cost of building. Will the time ever arrive when the authorities will intervene and fix a fair return on rent on all classes of houses? What salary should a man be getting to pay a rental of \$300 and run his establishment for the month?"

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An old superstition says that if you meet a cross-eyed individual in your morning walk, you had better go back home, to avoid ill-luck. But it isn't half so unlucky to see such a person as to meet the gloom-monger! Five minutes in his company will depress you for the rest of the day. He spreads gloom freely. According to him, business is bad, the cost of living makes the struggle not worth while, the world is topsy-turvy, and the British Empire, beginning with South Africa, is going rapidly to the dogs.

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CHARACTER SKETCH OF MR. BONAR LAW.

AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT.

The following sketch of Mr. Bonar Law is taken from the intriguing series of pen-and-ink portraits of Peace Conference Personalities, entitled "Makers of the New World." For reasons of his own the author preserves a strict anonymity, but he had peculiar authority and opportunities of close and accurate observation of his subjects, and he has depicted them with remarkable candour and freedom.

Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George are the most perfect political partnership on record. There has never been a breath of jealousy or disloyalty during the years they have had joint charge of the ship of State. They have both given of their best to the country. If Mr. Bonar Law is loyal to Mr. Lloyd George he knows equally well that "L.G." will never let him down.

Mr. Bonar Law is a man of the world. He has played the game with him, and will ever leave him in the lurch. Everything is done in consultation. Neither takes any step before having discussed it with the other. Perfect frankness has bred perfect trust. If Mr. Bonar Law has to endure the taunt that he is playing second fiddle to a Liberal Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George has equally to face the sneers of those who say he has "turned Tory" and "is in Mr. Bonar Law's pocket." Each knows the difficulties of the other to rise above them.

Mr. Bonar Law takes a gloomy view of life. He always sees trouble ahead and magnifies it. Indeed, so exaggerated is the gloom that it has become almost a habit and a pose. He knows, too, that it is a joke with his friends, and with his queer Scotch humour, he turns it to account for their amusement. But the gloom is not always assumed. He is by nature easily depressed and inclined to be pessimistic. It is, in fact, extremely difficult to make him see the bright side of things, and his favorite comment is: "Well, there's lots of trouble ahead."

I am told that it is how he will welcome the Prime Minister on his return from a holiday or a conference, and, strange to say, such is the effect on Mr. Lloyd George that it amuses him so much as to stimulate and exhilarate him.

His political courage. With such a sombre outlook on life, Mr. Bonar Law must needs be possessed of great courage to enable him to face the difficulties and discouragements of a political career. But courage he has, and it is all the greater because he always fights without hope. Every battle for him is a losing one at the start—a Thermopylae—but he fights none the less bravely for that. This, combined with sagacity and ability, and a wide experience of political affairs, carries him through. One would have thought that, taking the views he does of the trials and tribulations of the House, and the unhappiness which it appears very often to cause him, he might have retired from politics and led a quiet life. Someone suggested this to him one day when he seemed more depressed and more discouraged than usual by the aspect of the political situation. "Believe me, there is nothing I would like better," was the reply.

A LONELY MAN. And yet, would he be happy if he did escape from the worries and trials of political life? The secret is that Mr. Bonar Law is a very lonely man. He lost a wife who was very dear to him, he lost two cherished sons during the war, and this latter loss has left him almost broken-hearted. He is not a man who can seek diversion from sorrow in excitement or worldly pleasures, or light relaxation of any kind. He has few hobbies or amusements. Bridge and chess he plays perfectly, tennis he still plays and finds pleasure in it. But he cannot tolerate "Society," and loathes entertaining and entertainments. The society of women has no charm for him, indeed, the pained and unhappy look is enhanced when he finds himself in their presence or even at the prospect of finding himself among them.

RECREATIONS—LIKES AND DISLIKES. He dislikes even taking meals with others. "What is the use of spending a long time over a meal? The smoking comes at the end, and it is the only pleasurable thing about it." So he takes his meals alone. I am told that ten minutes is the average time taken over his lunch. Of course, there are official meals which he must attend, but even then he is unhappy until he can smoke. His pipe, his beloved companion, and he looks least unhappy when he has it in his mouth. Music he does not understand—it is just a painful noise to him. Theatres he cannot tolerate—especially those where no smoking is allowed! When in Paris during the Conference his idea of relaxation was to get someone to play chess with him. Any other sort of amusement, or the prospect of any other kind of entertainment only made him unhappy.

One evening, much against his will he was taken to see a performance of "La Fille de Madame Angot." When asked how he liked it, his reply was: "Well, it wouldn't be so bad if it wasn't for the singing!"

AN ENTERTAINING COMPANION. In spite of this dislike of his for society he is really very good company. Even his pessimism is amusing, and he knows it. He is frankly amused at the high spirits of Mr. Lloyd George, although he pretends to become more depressed in proportion as the Prime Minister's optimism increases. He often scores off the latter in an affectionate manner, pretending in a despairing way that he cannot keep up with the subtleties of his mind—while Mr. Lloyd George assures him that there is no more simple-minded person on earth than himself!

Added to this, his dry, caustic repartee is entertaining, and if he chooses he is a brilliant conversationalist. He does not need to raise his voice to be listened to. His slow, soft words have great charm.

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DOES HEREDITY COUNT?

GREAT ROMANCE WITH A GREAT DOCTRINE.

(By S. P. B. MAIR.)

There are few wiser or more inspiring texts in the Bible than that which tells us to "look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged."

In "The Path of the King" (Hodder and Stoughton, 2s. 6d. net) Mr. John Buchan sets out to make us all prouder of the blood that runs through our veins. The things we call aristocracy and reigning houses are the last places to look for masterful men. Who is more likely to inherit the fire—the elder son with his flesh-pots or the younger son with his fortune to find? Just think of it! All the younger sons of younger sons back through the generations! We none of us know our ancestors beyond a little way. . . . The dingo who blacked my boots at Vancouver may be descended by curious byways from Julius Caesar. . . . The spark once transmitted may smoulder for generations under ashes, but the appointed time will come, and it will flare up to burn the world. God never allows waste, and we fools rub our eyes and wonder when we see genius come out of the gutter. It didn't begin there.

To prove his thesis, Mr. Buchan, with extraordinary narrative, skill, and historic accuracy, raises the veil, and gives us glimpses through the centuries of the spark being transmitted which eventually flared up in the king-like personality of Abraham Lincoln.

We are first shown Biorin, the son of King Ingharad the Northman, of whom it is foretold that "the seed of his loins shall win great kingdoms" left deserted on Frisian shores after an ill-fated foray. The curtain is lifted to show his descendant, Jehan the Outborn, in the service of William of Normandy, winning his English wife and manor of Hightland in the Fens and dying to preserve them.

A MASTER OF MEN. The scene changes to Flanders, where we see a dying burgher's wife of vast riches, boasting of her descent from Jehan, in agonies because her illegitimate lover is killed, and her child is only perpetuated by a dull daughter. Again the curtain is raised on Catherine of Beaumanoir, angry with her lover, Guy de Laval, for fighting under the banner of Jeanne d'Arc, who wins her back for him by telling her that "Every wife is like Mary the Blessed, and may bear a saviour of mankind."

Philip de Laval sails with Columbus over the edge of the world, and later Gaspard, after avenging the Huguenots in the company of Gawain Champernown on St. Bartholomew's Eve, flies to Devon. An Indian farmer loses his mother's gold ring, carved with a much-worn emerald of three lions, a ring that had been in the family since the days of Biorin.

"Don't cry, little Abe," she said. "Don't you worry about the ring, dearie. It ain't needed no more." All the world knows the career of this Abe. There never had been such a man. There could never be such a one again. So patient, enduring, so wise in all great matters, so potent to inspire a multitude, so secure in his own soul. Fools would chatter about his being a son of the people, and his career a triumph of the average man. Average! Great God, he was a ruler of princes, a master, a compeller of men.

And so we reach the end of the road. President Abraham Lincoln is assassinated. "Yesterday he was America's. Our very own. Now he is all the world's. . . . Now he belongs to the world." This is briefly the plot of an all-absorbing romance, calculated to fill the hearts with pride and courage, and not infrequently the eyes with tears.

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and he has a persuasive manner of talking and even of looking at you as he talks—his head a little on one side, and his eyes rather pathetically sad. His face is very careworn and rugged, and his hair is turning grey. In appearance he is typically Scottish. He is a tall, lean figure. He is rather absent-minded, and very unassuming. He is sensitive, and for all his quiet bearing, and unemotional exterior, feels very deeply.

A VERY SCOTCH SORT. Though it would take very little to make him lose his grip on life—during the war he was nearly lost—it yet while he remains in political circles he is a great force. His sincerity and honesty and integrity earn for him universal respect and affection, and though he may not be a born leader of men, yet he is one to whom men instinctively turn to be shown the wise, straight road. As Leader of the House of Commons he is incomparable. But he lacks the fire which might have made him leader of a nation during a great crisis. He knows it. He is honest with himself. If anything, he has not sufficient self-confidence. He is the sort of man who is lovable, but who will not allow himself to be loved.

His is a very Scotch soul, which no one but a Bario could describe. Bario would show you all that "charm" which fascinates in spite of himself, that twinkle which is provocative of merriment, the gently lonely spirit, which simultaneously provokes and repels sympathy, and withal the Scottish obstinacy and downiness in a difficult encounter. He would show you these attributes asserting themselves in the politician—the calm, persuasive manner exercising its influence over an excited and difficult House of Commons, the shrewdness and acuteness of mind coming to the rescue in dealing with an awkward situation or with awkward men, and winning out in the long run. It is a personality that Bario would love to deal with, one which he alone could deal with adequately.

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PRIME MINISTER ON SOCIALISM.

The Prime Minister was the guest at luncheon, on March 23rd, at the House of Commons of the New Members' Coalition Group. Sir Ernest Wild, chairman of the group, presided.

Mr. Lloyd George, who was received with cheers and musical honours, said:—

We are here, men of both political parties, old political parties, that for 300 years have fought each other generation after generation, century after century, eye to eye, foot to foot, even on stricken fields, and yet here we are working together.

(Laughter.) Why is that? Because the nation which we both love, which is greater than either, and greater than both parties, and greater than all parties, which was there before any party ever started, which will last after the last party has vanished, because the nation was in danger. (Cheers.) Is the danger past? The military danger is over, but there are greater, more insidious, more permanent dangers still remaining—the dangers that have arisen from the new conditions in this and every land, the new ideas that have arisen, the new organisations that have suddenly risen into great power.

THE REAL DANGER. What is the peril? It is the phenomenal rise to power of a new party, with new purposes of the most subversive character. It calls itself Labour, but it is really Socialist. Even now the real danger is not fully realized. We cannot believe in this new danger. Well, it was just the same with the German danger.

There are those who say it is the same bogey, which you simply put up and paint just to frighten the people. I think Mr. Asquith said so at Blackburn. He is the last man who ought to treat the Socialist movement in this country as a bogey, for it has destroyed his party, overthrown his baby (laughter) and very nearly smothered it.

If anyone doubts the reality of the danger, I would ask him to read the Socialist and Labour papers. We rarely see them; and we do not quite see what they are after, but what they write in these papers is repeated on hundreds and thousands of platforms, to hundreds and thousands and millions of people. (Cheers.) And they are beginning to believe it. Socialism is fighting, and you will find it in these papers—to destroy everything that great prophets and leaders of both parties laboured for generations to build up. Private enterprise, individual effort, the stimulus of reasonable gain, the present organization of commerce, of industry, of credits—all that goes if this new system which is being preached, and which there is a formidable party in this country to support, succeeds. Even the country to support, which they built up in being threatened. Parliamentary institutions are just as much menaced as private enterprise, and there is to be substituted for it the rule of class organization. The old parties believed in pruning and manuring, in planting new trees where the old trees ceased to be fruitful, but they believed in keeping the orchards. The new party want to uproot and to tear up and to plant the wild and poisonous berries of Karl Marxism in this country. I know there are people who will say "There is no real danger that a sensible people like ours will ever swallow these doctrines." They are not put to them as bluntly as all that. But the people who are leading the people, the people who will have a voice in deciding the policy are all people who believe in these doctrines.

LOOK AT THE BY-ELECTIONS. If you want to see whether it is becoming a formidable party, look at the record of the by-elections. There was a time when these people were regarded as freaks and bogies; there was a man returned here and a man returned there, and perhaps 20 or 30 of them in the House of Commons. Nobody thought they were of any account, and they got up and made speeches, and the House of Commons voted them down. That is not the case now. In volcanic soil things grow quickly; especially weeds (laughter)—and the soil of Europe is very volcanic after the great eruption. Look at the figures. In 1918 they did not poll half what the Coalition parties polled. I have been looking at the by-elections for 1920 and 1921, and they are pretty typical. The Coalition polled 229,000; Labour polled 201,000; the Independent Liberals 95,000 and other independents 36,000.

Now, there are two significant facts there. One is that the Independent Liberals polled about one-seventh of the total poll. Our Independent Liberal friends had better take note of that, because it is worthy of attention. The nation refuses to recognize them as the champions of any real issue. That is what it means. (Cheers.) It is not that the nation is either for or against Liberal principles; it says these people do not represent a reality. (Cheers.)

The second fact is that a change of 4 per cent. in the vote would put the Socialists in the majority. It is not a great change in a new electorate—trained, untrained, not yet fully mobilized. What is more, the electorate has not yet been fully polled, not even in recent elections. You have 15 to 20 per cent. who do not vote, and everything depends on that. It has been called to the colours, but has not come sooner or later; it will be fully mobilized. Who is going to get them? If the Socialists and the Labour people get them, Socialism and Labour will be triumphant in this country within a short period of time.

There are friends of mine who talk about the splitting of the progressive vote. They say:—You have the Labour people voting and there the Independent Liberal people voting, and you are splitting your progressive forces. That is

not the split. The real split is in the anti-revolutionary forces. There is nothing in common between the Independent Liberals and the Socialists. I know the Independent Liberals people pretty well (laughter), and whatever they may be, believe me, they are not revolutionaries.

For all that they are helping the revolutionaries—their speakers, their agents, their Press, their organizations are all engaged in stirring disaffection throughout the country, and that disaffection is what will float Socialism into power. Their artillery is busy helping to beat down the defences of society. If they succeeded, the Socialists will enter the citadel alone, and will rule the city alone, without any help from the Independent Liberals. I do not know very much about football, and I read about it now and again, and it strikes me that the Independent Liberals are playing half-backs with the Socialists. If the Socialists win, it is the Socialist forwards that will have the goal, and it is the Socialist team that will have the cup. My Independent Liberal friends do not realize that.

IF LABOUR WINS. I am not afraid that the people of this country will be won to the subversive doctrines of Karl Marx. They do not suit the British mind. They are more German in their characteristics, and the British psychology will never take to them. That is not the danger. What is the danger? After the great war throughout the world there are heavy burdens. There is a great disturbance of trade and credit; there is unemployment, and there is every kind of trouble, and it is easy to foment discontent amongst people under these conditions.

There are grievances great and grievances small, there are grievances real and many grievances imaginary; there are some grievances that may be due to Governments and to Parliaments. Most are attributable to conditions over which neither Parliaments nor Governments have any control whatever. Those grievances work up discontent, of which the Socialists take advantage. They secure the support of the people on the ground of those grievances, but if they win on grievances they will carry out their own policy and their own method of redressing them. Independence of one sort and another may plough and harrow and sow, but Labour will reap, and if Labour wins on these grounds, what will come next?

Supposing on the ground of grievance the Coalition is defeated and the Socialist and Labour Party secure a majority in this Parliament. Does anyone imagine that they will go about redressing these little grievances? Not at all. What they will say is—here again I ask you to read their literature—"These grievances are not due to Governments or individuals, they are due to the system, and so long as this system continues you will always have these grievances; therefore, root out the system and put a new one in its place." They will try it. They will be there, if they succeed, for five years in the signal box, pulling the difficult, delicate, dangerous levers of trade, credit, industry, and commerce. You will have them tearing up the rails, and will have them do it for five years in a country which is not a peasant country with vast territories and vast natural riches, but a country dependent on trade and credit and commerce, it is not so easily restored after five years. (Loud cheers.)

THE REAL LEADERS. I know people say "You are quoting the views of the extreme men amongst the Labour Party and the Socialists. What about Mr. Clynes? What about Mr. J. H. Thomas?" Well, what about him? I do not think he really knows himself. (Laughter.) What about Mr. Henderson? These are the men, they say, who will govern. They will have to do exactly what they are told. All leaders have. (Laughter.) We have simply got to take orders even in the political parties, but in this new political party it is not the leader that counts so much. I have had a good deal of experience in settling labour disputes, and the trouble has never been with leaders but with the people behind them, whom you never see, never meet, never come in contact with, but who are the real power. In this new army it is the corporals who lead, and you never come into contact with them; and they have no responsibility. What will really happen once they are in is that there will be juntas behind who will tell them what to do and if they do not it somebody else will be put in their place. That is the fundamental difference between the discipline and organization of this new party and the old parties. The old parties always had at their heads men of great and long experience of political life and responsibility, and as a rule, the parties have accepted their advice and their counsel. You have now got coming into power, unless we take prompt steps, a party that has no experience, no responsibility of Government, and that has its policy dictated by people with even less experience who are behind it.

I remember at the beginning of the war how difficult it was to persuade people of what we were confronted with. They thought it was an easy task. I ventured to utter warnings then and I utter them in all solemnity now. The Socialists are consolidating and uniting their forces; their enemies are dividing and trying to destroy each other. The Socialists are making gigantic efforts to secure the new electorate while we are taking the new electorate for granted. I would, therefore, ask all those who realize the danger to close their ranks. (Cheers.) I would ask that we should take every measure to instruct and to inform the great electorate who are to decide, according to the working of the Constitution, have at no distant date to decide, so that when that fatal hour strikes, the destiny of this great and glorious country may safely be entrusted to their care. (Loud cheers.)

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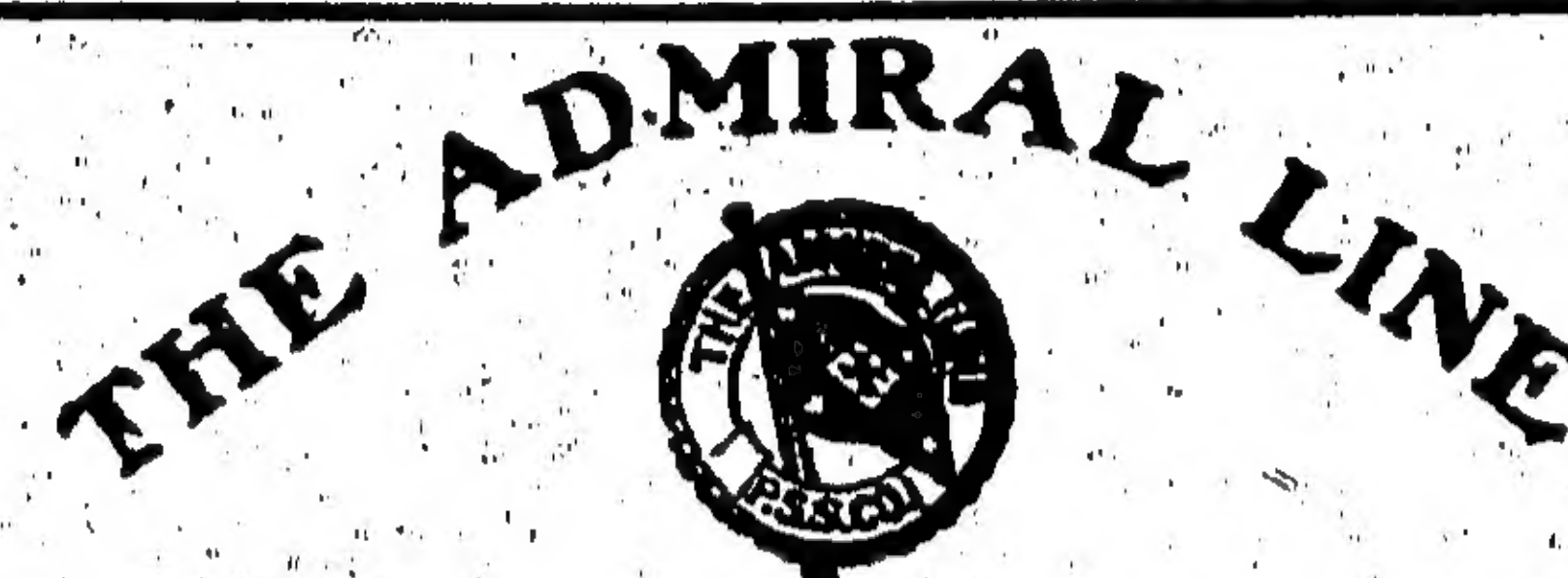
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